



INSTRUCTOR GUIDE



Expectations

Instructors should facilitate a quality refresher that engages all students no matter their ICS qualification or firefighting experience. The success of this program is dependent on your ability to stimulate meaningful discussion during group exercises.

NWCG Standards for Instructors of Fireline Refresher Training

Attendance at an RT-130 is required for designated positions in order to maintain currency, and for all personnel assigned to positions with fireline duties and for any position assigned to the fireline for non-suppression tasks. The required number of hours is determined by the agency.

Please refer to the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/310-1> for positions that require Annual Fireline Refresher Training.

Instructor Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Lead instructor must be a qualified single resource boss.
- Unit instructors must be qualified firefighters type 1 (FFT1).
- Adjunct instructors may be utilized to provide limited instruction in specialized knowledge and skills at the discretion of the lead instructor.
- Lead instructor is responsible for identifying necessary equipment, materials and supplies.

Tips for Developing Your Program

- Follow the guidance for Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book) or your agency equivalent.
www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_redbook.html
- Select relevant modules from WFSTAR website to build your program.
- Download or stream selected modules.
- As an option, include any relevant local unit information and updates with your presentation.

Documentation

Be sure to fully document who attended, the instructor names, what was covered and when and where the training took place. Each participant's training records must be updated, which means course completion memos must be sent to appropriate training officers.

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Introduction of Dead Fuel Moisture

This Module aligns with the Current Issues core component of refresher training.

Intent:

The intent of this exercise is to facilitate a conversation among firefighters evaluating how Dead Fuel Moisture affects them at the local and national level. This conversation may also include how Fire Managers base staffing levels both locally and nationally on Dead Fuel Moistures.

Discussion Points

- What are the critical dead fuel moisture levels in your area? What about neighboring areas?
- What factors influence dead fuel moistures in your local area?
- Does your home unit monitor dead fuel moistures? Who is responsible for monitoring dead fuel moistures? Do they get posted for local staff and incoming resources to see?
- When local dead fuel moisture approaches or hits critical levels does it affect suppression staffing levels at your home unit?
- How do critical dead fuel moisture levels affect national staffing levels during fire season? How does this affect you as a firefighter?

Please encourage students to submit feedback for the 2016 Fire Refresher using the QR code below.

